

## **WATERSHED QUALITY PLANNING TASK FORCE**

### **Senate File 2363, Sec. 4**

A watershed quality planning task force is established within the department of natural resources in cooperation with the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

### **TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITY**

By June 30, 2008, the task force shall report to the general assembly its recommendations for a voluntary statewide water quality program which is designed to achieve all of the following goals:

- a. Improving water quality and optimizing the costs of voluntarily achieving and maintaining water quality standards.
- b. Creating economic incentives for voluntary nonpoint source load reductions, point source discharge reductions beyond those required by the federal Water Pollution Control Act, implementation of pollution prevention programs, wetland restoration and creation, and the development of emerging pollution control technologies.
- c. Facilitating the implementation of total maximum daily loads, urban stormwater control programs, and nonpoint source management practices required or authorized under the federal Water Pollution Control Act. This paragraph shall not be construed to obviate the requirement to develop a total maximum daily load for waters that do not meet water quality standards as required by section 303(d) of the federal Water Pollution Control Act or to delay implementation of a total maximum daily load that has been approved by the department and the director.
- d. Providing incentives for the development of new and more accurate and reliable pollution control quantification protocols and procedures.
- e. Providing greater flexibility through community-based nonregulatory, and performance-driven watershed management planning.

### **TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP**

Membership on the task force shall consist of all of the following:

- a. Voting members of the task force shall include all of the following:
  - (1) One member selected by the Iowa association of municipal utilities.
  - (2) One member selected by the Iowa league of cities.
  - (3) One member selected by the Iowa association of business and industry.
  - (4) One member selected by the Iowa water pollution control association.
  - (5) One member selected by the Iowa rural water association.
  - (6) One member selected by growing green communities.
  - (7) One member selected by the Iowa environmental council.
  - (8) One member selected by the Iowa farm bureau federation.
  - (9) One member selected by the Iowa corn growers association.
  - (10) One member selected by the Iowa soybean association.
  - (11) One member selected by the Iowa pork producers council.
  - (12) One member selected by the soil and water conservation districts of Iowa.
  - (13) One person representing the department of agriculture and land stewardship selected by the secretary of agriculture.
  - (14) One person representing the department of natural resources selected by the director.
  - (15) Two members selected by the Iowa conservation alliance.

Nonvoting members of the task force shall include all of the following:

(1) Two members of the senate. One senator shall be appointed by the republican leader of the senate and one senator shall be appointed by the democratic leader of the senate.

(2) Two members of the house of representatives. One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.